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FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar. Address of Plaintiff: 1615 North 62nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19151 Address of Defendant: 1515 Arch Street, 14th Floor, One Parkway Bldg., Philadelphia, PA 19102-1595 Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction near the intersection of Lansdowne Avenue and Robbins Street, Philadelphia, PA (Use Reverse Side For Additional Space) Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock? (Attach two copies of the Disclosure Statement Form in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 7.1(a)) Yes No 🛛 Yes□ Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities? RELATED CASE, IF ANY: Case Number: Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions: 1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? 2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated Yes□ No 🛛 action in this court? 3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? 4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual? Yes No No CIVIL: (Place / in ONE CATEGORY ONLY) A. Federal Question Cases: B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases: 1. Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts 1. Insurance Contract and Other Contracts □ FELA 2. Airplane Personal Injury ☐ Jones Act-Personal Injury 3. Assault, Defamation ☐ Antitrust 4.

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APPENDIX I

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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BRUCE KENNEDY-CLARK

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

BRUCE KENNEDY-CLARK 1615 North 62nd Street Philadelphia, PA 19151 VS. : Civil Action No. CITY OF PHILADELPHIA c/o City of Philadelphia Law Department : Claims Unit, One Parkway Building 1515 Arch Street, 14th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102-1595 : JURY TRIAL DEMANDED and LIEUTENANT PATRICK KELLY BADGE NUMBER 145 Individually and as a police officer for the City of Philadelphia c/o City of Philadelphia Law Department : Claims Unit, One Parkway Building : 1515 Arch Street, 14th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102-1595 and POLICE OFFICER MARK RANSOM BADGE NUMBER 3542 Individually and as a police officer for the City of Philadelphia c/o City of Philadelphia Law Department : Claims Unit, One Parkway Building : 1515 Arch Street, 14th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102-1595 and POLICE OFFICER RICHARD GREEN BADGE NUMBER 2383 Individually and as a police officer for the City of Philadelphia c/o City of Philadelphia Law Department : Claims Unit, One Parkway Building : 1515 Arch Street, 14th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102-1595 and SERGEANT WILLIAMS BADGE NUMBER Individually and as a police officer for the City of Philadelphia c/o City of Philadelphia Law Department : Claims Unit, One Parkway Building : Attorney ID# 26718 1515 Arch Street, 14th Floor : Philadelphia, PA 19102-1595 :

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BADGE NUMBER 3211 :
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c/o City of Philadelphia Law Department :
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and :
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COMPLAINT

Jurisdiction

1. This action is brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1983.

Jurisdiction is based upon 28 U.S.C. §§1331 and 1343 (1),(3),(4)

and the aforementioned statutory provision. Plaintiff further

invokes the supplemental jurisdiction of this Court pursuant to

28 U.S.C. §1367(a) to hear and adjudicate state law claims.

Parties

2. Plaintiff, Bruce Kennedy-Clark, is a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and at all times relevant to this

action was present in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

- 3. Defendant, City of Philadelphia, is a municipality of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and owns, operates, manages, directs and controls the Philadelphia Police Department which employs Defendants, Patrick Kelly, Mark Ransom, Richard Green, Williams, Ryan, Fahy, Ransom, Green, Oakes, Kostick, Howe, Kochmer, Farley, Sallone, Washington, Smerker, Burton, Ford, Small, Tumolo, Dalesio, and Leonard.
- 4. Defendant, Lieutenant Patrick Kelly, Badge Number 145, is a police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.
- 5. Defendant, Police Officer Mark Ransom, Badge Number 3542, is a police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.
- 6. Defendant, Police Officer Richard Green, Badge Number 2383, is a police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.
- 7. Defendant, Sergeant Williams, is a police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.
 - 8. Defendant, Police Officer Ryan, Badge Number 7329, is a

police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.

- 9. Defendant, Police Officer Fahy, Badge Number 3197, is a police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.
- 10. Defendant, Police Officer Ransom, Badge Number 3527, is a police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.
- 11. Defendant, Police Officer Green, Badge Number 3211, is a police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.
- 12. Defendant, Police Officer Oakes, Badge Number 3496, is a police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.
- 13. Defendant, Police Officer Kostick, Badge Number 3353, is a police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.
 - 14. Defendant, Police Officer Howe, Badge Number 3285, is a

police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.

- 15. Defendant, Police Officer Kochmer, Badge Number 5437, is a police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.
- 16. Defendant, Police Officer Farley, Badge Number 4716, is a police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.
- 17. Defendant, Police Officer Sallone, is a police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.
- 18. Defendant, Police Officer Washington, is a police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.
- 19. Defendant, Police Officer Smerker, Badge Number 2422, is a police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.
 - 20. Defendant, Police Officer Burton, Badge Number 7005, is

- a police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.
- 21. Defendant, Police Officer Ford, Badge Number 6805, is a police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.
- 22. Defendant, Police Officer Small, Badge Number 4825, is a police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.
- 23. Defendant, Police Officer Tumolo, Badge Number 2526, is a police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.
- 24. Defendant, Police Officer Dalesio, Badge Number 1521, is a police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.
- 25. Defendant, Police Officer Leonard, Badge Number 5409, is a police officer for the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of state law. He is being sued in his individual and official capacity.
 - 26. At all relevant times, all Defendants were acting in

concert and conspiracy and their actions deprived Plaintiff,
Bruce Kennedy-Clark, of his constitutional and statutory rights
as hereinafter described.

Factual Allegations

- 27. On or about July 29, 2011, at approximately 9:30 p.m., Plaintiff, Bruce Kennedy-Clark, was near the intersection of Lansdowne Avenue and Robbins Street, in the City of Philadelphia. He observed a number of marked Philadelphia police cars drive by and then suddenly make a U-turn. A police officer appeared to be looking for an individual who was standing in the area.
- 28. Plaintiff went into a store to buy a soda. When he walked out of the store, he heard people screaming. He observed four police officers beating an individual with their batons. Plaintiff got his cell phone out and called 911 and asked for a sergeant to come to the scene.
- 29. After calling 911, Plaintiff began to record the police beating the other young man with his cell phone. Plaintiff was then approached by Defendant, Lieutenant Patrick Kelly, and the other Defendant Philadelphia police officers.
- 30. The Defendant Philadelphia police officers including Lieutenant Kelly surrounded the Plaintiff. One of the Defendant police officers pushed Plaintiff from behind. The police officer who pushed Plaintiff from behind asked Plaintiff if he wanted to fight. Plaintiff responded "Why would I fight you? You've got

your friends and all those sticks."

- 31. Defendant, Lieutenant Kelly, then told Plaintiff to "shut the f _ _ _ up and go home." However, at this point, Plaintiff was surrounded by approximately eight (8) of the Defendant police officers. Plaintiff told Lieutenant Kelly "I'm trying to go home but your not letting me." At that point, Lieutenant Kelly said to the other Defendant officers "Go get him."
- 32. Suddenly Plaintiff was attacked by several police officers. He was punched by a police officer who then turned him around and slammed him face first onto the hood of a van while simultaneously knocking his cell phone out of his hand. While he was being held on the van, several officers were holding him down. While being held down, one of the Defendant officers began to strike him with a baton in this testicles.
- 33. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant, Lieutenant Kelly, was acting in a supervisory role and, at all times relevant hereto, had actually knowledge of and acquiesced in the conduct of the other Defendant police officers.
- 34. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant, Lieutenant Kelly, had a reasonable opportunity to intervene and stop the other Defendant police officers from using excessive and unnecessary force on the Plaintiff.
 - 35. At all times relevant hereto, all of the Defendant

police officers had a reasonable opportunity to intervene and stop the Plaintiff from being beaten and subjected to excessive and unnecessary force.

- 36. After Plaintiff was viciously beaten by the Defendant police officers, he was handcuffed and searched. In addition, Defendant, Police Officer Richard Green, Badge Number 2383, confiscated Plaintiff's cell phone and put it into his pocket.
- 37. After Plaintiff was placed in handcuffs, one of the Defendant police officers took his hands and forced them up his back towards his neck causing injuries to his shoulder.
- 38. At no time did Plaintiff commit any act which could be considered a violation of any law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania nor did he do anything of an aggressive nature or which could have been considered threatening to any of the Defendant Philadelphia police officers or to anyone else.
- 39. After Plaintiff was seized by Defendant, Police Officer Ransom, and Defendant, Police Officer Richard Green, he was taken to the police station where Defendants, Police Officers Ransom and Richard Green, caused him to be charged with the crime of disorderly conduct. That criminal charge was dismissed by Judge Kenneth Powell on October 28, 2011.
- 40. The false arrest, search and seizure, and use of unreasonable and excessive force is part of Defendants' pattern, practice and custom of subjecting citizens such as Plaintiff,

Bruce Kennedy-Clark, to unreasonable and excessive force, false arrest, search and seizure, and malicious prosecution in the absence of probable cause.

- 41. The conduct of all of the Defendant police officers as outlined above was done willfully, deliberately, maliciously, wantonly, recklessly and with an intent to injure the Plaintiff and with the intent to violate Plaintiff Bruce Kennedy-Clark's constitutional and statutory rights.
- 42. As a direct and proximate result of the actions of all Defendants herein, Plaintiff, Bruce Kennedy-Clark, suffered and continues to suffer physical and psychological harm, pain and suffering, some or all of which may be permanent.
- 43. Defendants engaged in the aforesaid conduct for the purpose of violating Bruce Kennedy-Clark's constitutional rights by subjecting him to unreasonable and excessive force, false arrest, search and seizure, and malicious prosecution.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

- 44. Plaintiff, Bruce Kennedy-Clark, incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 43 of the instant Complaint.
- 45. As a direct and proximate result of all Defendants' conduct, committed under color of state law, Plaintiff, Bruce Kennedy-Clark, was deprived of his right to be free from unreasonable and excessive force, an unlawful search and seizure, false arrest, malicious prosecution, unlawful taking of his cell

phone and violation of his constitutional right to record the police officers as they performed their public and official duties, to be secure in his person and property and to due process of law. As a result, Plaintiff, Bruce Kennedy-Clark, suffered and continues to suffer harm in violation of his rights under the laws and Constitution of the United States, in particular, the First, Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments thereof, and 42 U.S.C. §1983.

- 46. As a direct and proximate result of the acts of all Defendants, Plaintiff, Bruce Kennedy-Clark, sustained physical injuries, emotional harm, loss of liberty and financial losses, all to his detriment and harm.
- 47. Defendant, City of Philadelphia, has encouraged, tolerated, ratified and has been deliberately indifferent to the following patterns, practices and customs and to the need for more or different training, supervision, investigation or discipline in the areas of:
 - a. The use of unreasonable force, excessive force, search and seizure, and false arrest by police officers;
 - b. The proper exercise of police powers, including but not limited to the unreasonable use of force, the excessive use of force, search and seizure, false arrest, malicious

- prosecutions, and violations of citizens' free speech rights, particularly in connection with perceived challenges to police authority;
- c. The monitoring of officers whom it knew or should have known were suffering from emotional and/or psychological problems that impaired their ability to function as officers:
- d. The failure to identify and take remedial or disciplinary action against police officers who were the subject of prior civilian or internal complaints of misconduct;
- e. Police officers' use of their status as

 police officers to employ the use of

 unreasonable and excessive force, search and

 seizure, and false arrest, or to achieve ends

 not reasonably related to their police duties; and
- f. The failure of police officers to follow established policies, procedures, directives and instructions regarding the use of force and arrest powers under such circumstances as presented herein.
- 48. The City of Philadelphia failed to properly sanction or discipline officers, who are aware of and conceal and/or aid and

abet violations of constitutional rights of citizens by other Philadelphia police officers, thereby causing and encouraging Philadelphia police, including the Defendant officers in this case, to violate the rights of citizens such as Plaintiff, Bruce Kennedy-Clark.

49. Defendants have by the above described actions deprived Plaintiff, Bruce Kennedy-Clark, of rights secured by the First, Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution in violation of 42 U.S.C. §1983.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION SUPPLEMENTAL STATE CLAIMS

- 50. Plaintiff, Bruce Kennedy-Clark, incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 49 of the instant Complaint.
- 51. The acts and conduct of the Defendants in this cause of action constitute assault, battery, false arrest, malicious prosecution, and intentional infliction of emotional distress under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and this Court has supplemental jurisdiction to hear and adjudicate this claims.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Bruce Kennedy-Clark, requests the following relief:

- a. Compensatory damages;
- b. Punitive damages;
- c. Reasonable attorney's fees and costs;
- d. Such other and further relief as appears

reasonable and just; and

e. A jury trial as to each Defendant and as to each count.

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